

bond. (See Appendix C to part 359 at § 2 for a discussion of rate lag.)

**§ 359.16 When does interest accrue on Series I savings bonds?**

(a) Interest, if any, accrues on the first day of each month; that is, we add the interest earned on a bond during any given month to its value at the beginning of the following month.

(b) The accrued interest compounds semiannually.

**§ 359.17 When is interest payable on Series I savings bonds?**

Interest earnings are payable upon redemption.

**§ 359.18 Is the determination of the Secretary on rates and values final?**

The Secretary's determination of fixed rates of return, semiannual inflation rates, composite rates, and savings bonds redemption values is final and conclusive.

**§ 359.19 How is interest calculated?**

We base all calculations of interest on a \$25 unit. We use the value of this unit to determine the value of bonds in higher denominations. The effect of rounding off the value of the \$25 unit increases at higher denominations. This can work to your slight advantage or disadvantage, depending on whether we round the value up or down.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup>For example: A composite rate of 2.57% will result in a newly purchased \$25 unit increasing in value after six months to \$25.32, when rounded to the nearest cent. Thus, a \$5,000 bond purchased at the same time as the \$25 unit will be worth \$5,064 after six months ( $[\$5,000 \text{ divided by } \$25] \times \$25.32 = \$5,064$ ). In contrast, if it applied directly to a \$5,000 bond, the rate would render a value of \$5,064.25 after six months, a difference of 25 cents. (This example does not include any discussion of the three-month interest penalty that applies if you redeem a bond less than five years after its issue date.)

**§§ 359.20–359.24 [Reserved]**

**Subpart B—Definitive Series I Savings Bonds**

**§ 359.25 What are the denominations and prices of definitive Series I savings bonds?**

Definitive Series I saving bonds are issued in denominations of \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, and \$5,000. These bonds are sold at par; that is, the purchase price is the same as the denomination (face value).

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**§ 359.26 When are definitive Series I savings bonds validly issued?**

A definitive bond is validly issued when it is registered as provided in part 360, and when it bears an issue date and the validation indicia of an authorized issuing agent.

**§ 359.27 What is the issue date of a definitive Series I savings bonds?**

The issue date of a definitive bond is the first day of the month in which an authorized issuing agent receives payment of the issue price.

**§ 359.28 Are taxpayer identification numbers (TINs) required for the registration of definitive Series I savings bonds?**

The registration of a definitive Series I savings bond must include the TIN of the owner or first-named co-owner. If the bond is being purchased as a gift or award and the owner's TIN is not known, the TIN of the purchaser must be included in the registration of the bond.

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**§ 359.29 What amount of definitive Series I savings bonds may I purchase per year?**

The principal amount of definitive Series I savings bonds that may be purchased in the name and TIN of any person in any calendar year is limited to \$5,000.

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